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THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

A SENSE of serious resolution pervaded the meetings of Anniversary Week — as if some things were settled, many things were to be done, and a faithful body of loyal men and women ready to do them. Unitarians, forced by their heterodoxy to be individualistic, are prone to spend too much time in self-analysis and self-criticism. At many of their large gatherings each member of the procession acts as if he were the only one in step; but this year less time was spent in self-inspection and more time in considering definite work to be done than has often been our habit. The American Unitarian Association had taken seriously the resolution passed a year ago calling for more aggressive missionary activity. This was shown in the Secretary's report and in the reports of the various Departments. This was shown also in many of the addresses, by those who had actually engaged in the forward movements of the year. The program of definite achievements accomplished wisely and systematically was, for us, an elaborate one, having a great variety of methods and reaching every part of the country, and making use of a greater number of our ministers than during any previous year.

It has been a year of seed sowing. In many cities large audiences were gathered every evening during a week of successive meetings. In some places the reluctant newspapers went so far as to do more than scant justice to a Unitarian effort. In New England, where our historic churches are most numerous, the ministers manifested a spirit of earnest co-operation in efforts to reawaken the dormant energies of the indifferent and to penetrate the abounding wildernesses of modern paganism. The resolution of a year ago was not passed in vain. In the year's work, as reported at the meetings of all our national organizations, it had found a genuine and gratifying response.

BUT in making more elaborate plans, adopting new methods, and making new appeals, a number of discoveries, or re-discoveries, have been made. It will pay to consider a few of them.

Discovery No. 1. That we cannot take it for granted that one person in a thousand knows anything about Unitarianism. The hackmen who lean against the buttresses at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, know it only as a gold sign on a sandstone building. Every day, and a hundred times a day, the subways of Boston are crowded with people who would quite as likely as otherwise spell "*Unitarian*" with an initial "O". There have been clerks and typewriters employed at headquarters who never heard of such a thing as a Unitarian until they applied for a position. In New England alone there are hundreds of thousands of otherwise well enlightened human beings who not only never heard what a Uni-

tarian might be, but who have not heard, even, what a Unitarian is not. The entire output of our literature, the combined efforts of all our Departments, all our resources of men, money and organized strength, might be devoted to the territory lying east of the Hudson River (which on a map of the United States is as the head to the turkey) and we should then hardly realize the possibilities of extensive cultivation.

Such a course, undoubtedly, would be provincial and stultifying for, somehow or other, an adequate religion must always hold relations, however rudimentary, with universal conditions. No Christian church is so strong or so numerous that it may not be made greater and better by a vital interest in the propagation of its faith in distant places. No Christian church deals a more deadly blow at its own existence than the one that decides to confine itself to its own local interests and its own immediate neighborhood. Max Muller long since pointed out that only the missionary religion survives. The best way to revive, intensify and make efficient and increase in number the churches of New England is to set them to the task of planting churches in places far away.

Discovery No. 2: That everywhere, East and West, there are thousands of people who have no well-defined conception of religion at all. So far as religion finds expression through them it is the spiritual impulse of a devout ancestry still in progress in their souls and not any conscious and intelligent conviction of reality which they can call their own. They are the children of materialism and indifference. They are not themselves wholly to blame. Their parents and guardians are responsible for their spiritual destitution. They never have been treated as the children of the light, entitled to the highest spiritual culture possible in their day and so they have drifted along on a dead level of paganism.

Discovery No. 3: That we have a Christian gospel peculiarly fitted to the needs of modern paganism — as essential now as it was when Jesus answered the lawyer who "stood up" and asked what he should do to have *eternal* life; as vital to the welfare of the world today as when Paul on Mars' Hill revealed the presence of the unknown God. Our gospel is not, as many suppose, dependent upon or set over against orthodoxy, as if Unitarianism did not represent a positive and self-reliant faith. On the contrary it answers the inevitable questions of experience reasonably and wisely. It is the gospel of hope based upon a right interpretation of life. It is well suited to the requirements of the non-religious multitude of our time and it makes no apologies for, nor needs to reason away, or hold in abeyance, any obsolete beliefs of the past. We have the literature and we have always possessed the habit of thought which, studiously employed, can satisfy the cravings of the mind for truth and the longings of the soul for peace.

Discovery No. 4: That in a few months a wave of religious fanaticism is quite likely to sweep over that part of the country where rational religion has found its best support and been most effectively organized. To promote the interests of revivalism the most thoroughgoing and elaborate system of publicity will be employed by an evangelistic machine of wonderful efficiency. New England will be districted, reluctant orthodox churches will be whipped into line and extraordinary sums of money will be poured out regardless of better uses. The daily press will not dare to raise an interrogation point concerning the wisdom or the folly of it; the crowds will be entertained, cajoled, hypnotized and brow-beaten until, like flocks of stampeded sheep they will do anything and go anywhere and believe whatever their leader desires. The quiet, rational, chaste gospel of Jesus Christ will be subjected to language unfitted for decent people to hear, the superstitions of the 16th century will be let loose like so many bats in a church garret, and when the excitement is over and the

good people in the churches get back to former conditions and feel in their empty pockets and think it all over they will realize that not one illuminating truth has been added to the sum of their knowledge and not one in a hundred of the so called "converts" (declared so by a shake of "Billy" Sunday's hand) can be depended on to carry the everyday burdens of philanthropy, truth and righteousness.

The discovery has been made that Unitarians will be called upon (not during the "Billy Sunday" revival, but after it) to answer many questions. They will be asked to explain why they were immune to such psychological epidemics, by what theory of life, death and the hereafter they possessed themselves in peace and patience and in what supreme faith they live in spiritual tranquility when the demented multitudes are made to act like dancing dervishes.

It is then that our occasion will arrive and it will then be the duty of every Unitarian to make his contribution of money and loyalty in the interests of sanity and spiritual power.

THE next number of *Word and Work* will make its appearance in October. During the months of July and August many of the churches throughout the country are closed and while denominational activities will be carried on at various points and the officers of the Association will be planning for the next year's campaign, many of the people of our churches will be absent from home. This does not mean, however, that religion ceases when the summer vacation arrives. If our religious faculties have been properly trained it will not be difficult for those who are so fortunate as to enjoy a "change of scene" to transform their surroundings into places of genuine worship. The great organs of nature will be played by unseen hands and myriad choirs will chant to the attentive soul. Those who visit the sea-side will be in the presence of those titanic forces which suggest infinite resources of time, power and opportunity. The restless sea will speak to the well trained imagination of the endless expressions of life even in the midst of the tremendous agencies which seem to destroy it. Those who go to the mountains may lift up their eyes and behold the sources of human endurance and strength confirming their faith in the Protection which never fails. All the inspirations gained through the year in services of worship may well be augmented and glorified wherever the human soul comes in contact with the exquisite beauty and inexhaustible glory of the sky, the mountains and the sea. They have indeed been negligent of their opportunities who have not found in praise, prayer and meditation afforded by the church a preparation for a soul stirring appreciation of the infinitudes of the natural world.

To close a church in summer would be indeed a calamity if it had not during the year clarified the spiritual vision to the parables of nature.

THE assertion that ministers do not have sufficient time to make personal acquaintance with the individuals and the families of their congregations has little foundation.

We have a strong impression that few measures could be devised that would be more efficient in bringing the members of our churches together at the beginning of the autumn's work than a thorough course of pastoral visitation. One way to build up a church is to have a pastor who gives himself wholly to the work of that church and who uses the confidence and affection of the people as a means of helping them into Christian life.—*Watchman-Examiner.*

American Unitarian Association

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Samuel C. Beane, D.D., died at Grafton, Mass., on May 16th, in his eighty-first year. Dr. Beane served New England churches without any interruption of pastoral duties for fifty-four years.

Rev. Charles Noyes died at Norwich, Conn., on May 23d, in his eighty-second year. Mr. Noyes was a Civil War veteran and had a long and honorable career in our ministry, retiring in 1904 after a twenty year pastorate at North Andover and becoming Pastor Emeritus.

Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, D.D., died in New York on May 29th, in his seventieth year. Dr. Slicer entered our ministry from the Methodist fellowship in 1881 and served our parishes in Providence, Buffalo, and All Souls', New York, with distinguished ability.

Mr. Dilworth R. Lupton, of the graduating class of the Meadville Theological School, has accepted a call to Louisville, Ky.

Rev. Robert F. Leavens has resigned at Fitchburg, Mass., to accept a call to Omaha, Neb.

Rev. E. M. Cosgrove has accepted a call to Helena, Mont.

Summary of the Department Reports submitted to the Annual Meeting on May 23rd.

During the year the Publication Department (through the Beacon Press) has published the *Beacon* with a weekly circulation of more than 11,000 copies. It has continued the publication of *Word and Work* with a total issue of 54,000 copies. It has distributed 3200 Year Books and 14,500 Annual Reports. It has sold 8876 volumes, including Hymn Books. 128 churches have now adopted the Hymn Book. 538,000 tracts have been distributed during the year. 70 copies of Channing's works have been sent to theological students. The *Christian Register* has been supplied to reading rooms and to ministers in many parts of the country. The record of the shipping department shows 16,396 shipments, a gain of 558 over the preceding year.

The Department of Religious Education has been chiefly engaged in the preparation of material for religious education in the school and home, and in stimulating our churches to better methods of religious education. The first book of the new Beacon Course has been issued, and other books of the series are in preparation. Three important Summer Institutes were held at Andover, N. H., Meadville, Penn., and at the Isles of Shoals. New sets of lantern slides for the use of Sunday Schools have been purchased and catalogued.

The Department of Social and Public Service has, through its secretary, endeavored to focus the latent social energies of our churches, to help in framing programs for social study and work, and to serve as a bureau of information. The secretary has travelled broadly. He has helped to organize many social service committees and to carry forward Social Service Institutes. A number of new Bulletins have been issued.

The Department of Publicity has been under the care of the Editorial Secretary, who has had general supervision of all the literature published for free distribution, the editorial supervision of the different periodicals, the direction of the work with and for the Associate Members of the Association, the preparation of the new Tract Catalogue, and the charge of the ways and means of keeping the Life Members in touch with the work of the Association.

The work of the Department of New Americans has been carried on among the Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Icelandic, and Italian peoples. The Secre-

tary of the Department has visited all the missions and reports a marked increase of activity especially among the Icelanders and Finns. Seven circuit ministers have been employed. Free tracts are printed in German, French, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish and Spanish.

The Department of Foreign Relations has carried forward the work in Japan under the direction of Mr. MacCauley, who spent three months in the United States establishing new connections and winning new supporters. The Japanese work is in a thoroughly healthy condition. The work of the Association of Free Believers in Italy has been developed and sustained, and support has been given to the Unitarian work in Hungary. The work in Jamaica, under the care of Rev. E. E. Brown, has also been fostered.

Through the Department of Comity and Fellowship our churches have been kept in cooperation with the work of the National Federation of Religious Liberals, with the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, with the World Alliance and with other bodies.

The Association has acted as trustee for the endowments of 24 churches. Assistance has been given, through the Church Extension Department, to 12 churches in New England, 16 in the Middle States, 12 in the Western States, 6 in the Rocky Mountain States, 12 in the Southern States, 16 in the Pacific States, and 4 in the Canadian Northwest. The officers and representatives of the Association have personally visited practically all the aided churches and missions and in their journeys have covered nearly the whole country. Four new church buildings have been dedicated, one parsonage built, and a number of older churches thoroughly reconstructed.

The two Libraries have been well maintained. One is a Reference Library, the other a Circulating Library. The latter has 2,500 titles and 954 books were loaned to borrowers during the year. The lantern slides have been widely utilized.

In the Department of Ministerial Aid grants have been made from the Ministerial Aid and other related Funds to the amount of $7,260 to 64 ministers and widows of ministers. Seven persons have been aided from the income of the Chandler Robbins Fund. As trustee of the Unitarian Service Pension Society the Association has distributed to qualified beneficiaries the sum of $6952.

The capital of the Church Building Loan Fund has been somewhat increased during the year so that the principal now amounts to $155,609. Five societies have completed their payments of their loans and new loans to the amount of $16,800 have been made to seven churches. There are now outstanding loans to 69 churches.

The financial year of the Association has been a healthy one. The contributions from churches and individuals have amounted to $68,106 as against $59,149 in the previous year. The income of invested funds has amounted to $104,128 as against $96,644 in the previous year. The contributions of societies alone rose from $45,179 to $48,951. The gifts and bequests for the increase of the endowment amounted to $160,272.

The Treasurer of the Association presented his report to the Annual Meeting in print and in doing so he said:

"During the past year, in spite of the heavy and constant demands in behalf of applied Christianity in the form of war relief, the support of the principles of liberal Christianity, in which we find the source of inspiration for applied Christianity has been maintained in a splendid manner.

"The treasurer, who has received and counted your offerings for the missionary work of our fellowship, is able to obey your command, couched in the language of the poet. You say to me: 'Tell us not in mournful numbers' of the affairs of this Association. And I can truly say in return that I cannot

if I would. The numbers are too cheerful. They are positively exhilarating. The poet went on to say: 'Life is but an empty dream.' I leave it to the other members of your staff to tell how real life has been in their successful efforts to advance the work.

"I can only say for my department of the cheerful numbers, that when you all send in your donations in the last week of the financial year, life, instead of being an empty dream, is a mighty lively scramble to keep from being overwhelmed, — a scramble in which those numbers must be kept straight, and in addition everything put into apple pie order, balances made up — the ordeal of an audit passed and printed statements prepared ready for you to-day at this annual meeting.

"In this case the end justified even the misdemeanors of delay. The soldiers cry 'Are we down-hearted?' and the answer comes in a mighty thunder 'No.' That is our cry. 'Are we down-hearted?' The numbers answer 'No.' "

Among the resolutions adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Association were the following:

1. Whereas, the Unitarian cause has recently lost one of its most consecrated and inspiring leaders, a knight of the spirit, without fear and without reproach — Rev. Charles Elliott St. John, D.D., minister of the First Unitarian Church at Philadelphia, earlier founder of the First Unitarian Church in Pittsburgh, and for years the active secretary of this Association, abounding in apostolic zeal and untiring labors.

Resolved, That the American Unitarian Association hereby place on record its appreciation of Dr. St. John's heroic service to the truth in which he believed, and extends to his devoted wife and his sons an expression of heartfelt sympathy.

2. Resolved, That the affectionate greeting of the Association be sent to Dr. Charles W. Wendte with grateful acknowledgement of his long and valued service to the Association as successively Director, Field Secretary on the Pacific Coast, and head of the Department of Foreign Relations,

Resolved, That the secretary be requested to transmit to Dr. Wendte the best wishes of his associates for his continued health, activity, and happiness.

3. The American Unitarian Association in its annual session in Boston sends greetings to the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, and to the Hungarian Unitarians, in these days of trial, when the duties of patriotism and religion seem often to come into conflict.

We feel that we must express our deep affection for those of our common faith. Even in this time of conflict we must be preparing for the reconciliations that are to come, and for the cooperative tasks that must be taken up in the future.

We join our prayers for the coming of the new day in which, as members of different nations, but of one religious fellowship, we may take up again the work in which we all believe.

4. Whereas, present world conditions call for:

A clearer recognition of the Christian principles of the brother-hood of man;

The practice of righteousness and good-will between nations as between individuals;

The substitution of judicial processes for war in the settlement of international disputes, and

The embodiment of these principles in national policies and laws, not merely as an abstract ideal, but as a practical conviction for whose development the Christian Churches have special responsibility.

Therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Unitarian Association welcomes the invitation of the American Council of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches to cooperate in this great work; and that this body herewith establish a Commission for this purpose, to consist of seven members to be appointed by the president of this Association.

5. Resolved, that on this Ninety-First Anniversary of the American Unitarian Association we view with deep satisfaction the notable developments ot the past year. We record with gratitude the achievements of our Unitarian workers, the success of the Preaching Missions, and the response of the people of the churches by which $68,000 was raised for the work of the Association, $8,000 for the churches in Western Canada, $25,000 for the endowment of the Women's Alliance, and $43,000 for the purchase of Star Island.

We urge that during the coming year our people raise the following amounts for our common work:

1. For the aggressive extension of the work of the American Unitarian Association, $75,000.00.

2. For the Endowment Fund of the Young People's Religious Union, $25,000.00.

3. For the support of the Tuckerman School, $5,000.00.

4. For the increase of the pensions of the Unitarian Service Pension Society, $10,000.00

5. For the needed equipment of our new churches and missions, $45,000.00.

We urge that all societies and individuals cooperate heartily in these important plans for the coming year that the ground gained during the past year may be strongly held and the forward movement vigorously continued.

Finances

The last of these resolutions sets the financial task of our churches in the new year. It recommends that the churches raise for their national work $160,000. This is not an impossible stint. The figures show that last year for similar causes the churches raised $145,000. Another equal lift will provide the money necessary to carry on the forward movement.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held in the last days of Anniversary Week the details of the Budget for the new year were discussed and adopted. The Board made provision for the new standing committees, elected its different Department and Field Secretaries, provided for salaries, the care of the building, and all the routine work of the Association, and then adopted the various Department budgets Some $6,000 will go, during the coming year, into the work in Japan, in Italy, in Hungary, and in Jamaica. $8,500 is available for the Department of Religious Education in its different activities. Some $2,000 goes to the Department of Social and Public Service. Publicity and Comity and Fellowship take some $5,000 more. The work among the Norwegians, Icelanders Finns, and Italians accounts for something over $6,000.

In the various geographical divisions of the Church Extension Department $4,000 goes to the support of churches and missions in New England, some $7,500 to similar causes in the Middle States, over $8,000 in the Southern States, a little over $5,000 in the Western States, $3,000 in the Rocky Mountain States, $6,000 odd in the Pacific States, and $3,000 in the Canadian Northwest.

The increases in these Budgets are partly accounted for by such new enterprises as (1) The taking over of the salary of the Field Secretary in the Middle States and the expenses of the New York office. (2) The continuance of the Preaching Mission work under the charge of Mr. Saunderson, for which a special appropriation was provided in the Budget. (3) The considerable extension of the work among the Finns with two new circuit ministers. (4) The expenses and equipment of the Tent Mission campaign in New England. (5) The entering upon church enterprises, under the charge of ministers especially commissioned to these new fields, at Trenton, N. J., Norfolk, Va., Memphis, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., Austin, Tex., and certain other places which it is hoped to open during the year.

Three churches that have formerly been aided by the Association have, during the past year, attained self-support, and the greetings of the Board were sent to the Societies at Exeter, N. H., Schenectady, N. Y., and Wichita, Kan. One Society, heretofore self-supporting, has appealed for aid and a small appropriation was made to help the work at St. Cloud, Minn.

The campaign for the new year, with the proposed journeyings of the officers and other representatives, is now being studied, and a number of appointments of Billings Lecturers and travelling missionaries will be announced at the September meeting of the Board.

The Tent Mission

The Rev. Samuel B. Nobbs, the New England Field Secretary, in addition to preaching in Sandwich, Randolph and other places, has been busy preparing for the summer tent meetings.

Accompanied by Rev. Henry G. Ives, a tour of Cape Cod was made in order to secure camp sites, to visit ministers and obtain their goodwill and cooperation, and make other preliminary arrangements.

There are those who imagine that a visit to Plymouth is really a trip to Cape Cod. Nothing of the kind. The real Cape Cod begins somewhere near Sandwich, and the real beauty of it is not revealed until one passes Barnstable,

and from there on at least to Orleans the scenery has an old world aspect of gently rolling beauty of knoll and vale and lakes, of as soothing charm as the famous three-dollar tax rate of the aforesaid town of Orleans is to the tired millionaire.

And it is a land of productiveness, too. It is rich in cranberries, asparagus, quahogs, mosquitoes, brook trout and summer hotels. Wherever the pilgrims went they were well treated. To be sure there was noticeable a certain cautiousness of manner at first, which was not to be wondered at. But when they found we were not selling books, insurance, stocks, or even desirable lots in some farmers' paradise 2,000 miles away, they were genial enough.

One old gentleman became interested enough to invite us to spend a few hours with him while he showed us the old homestead where a pretty well-known family had its first American home. He even offered to show us the graves of all of his kin in the cemetery hard by. But we resisted the alluring invitation, for our errand was concerning life and the living.

To judge by our experience there is not much sectarian jealousy on the Cape. One attractive young minister of an orthodox congregation assured us that he was glad that "the Unitarians were converted to the doctrine of the Immanence of God" and that we did now believe that God was in Christ and is in men. So we shall join forces in the church service and in the tent.

The Universalists have several churches on the Cape, with some of which we shall be able to cooperate. Our three churches, at Sandwich, Barnstable and Brewster, will, we trust, be helped by the visit. The plan will probably take us to most of the little villages on the South side of the Cape as far as Chatham, and thence to Orleans, in addition to the three towns where we have parishes. It is hoped that the friendly mingling of the people without regard to sect may lead to a real religious cooperation of the forces which make for righteousness. Some thousands of tracts will be distributed, and all ways tried which give promise of success. The mission will be manned by Rev. Henry G. Ives, Rev. Herman F. Lion, and Mr. R. M. L. Holt of Pittsfield. One of them will preach, another sing, and another play the organ. Which of them will be the cook is not yet clear. It is hoped and believed, however, that no ungodly use of the frying pan will induce that kind of dyspepsia which has ere now crept into preaching.

Some of our ministers who are to be near by will occasionally preach, and our people who spend vacations on the Cape are heartily invited to attend.

Ministers' Meeting at Andover, N.H.

There will be a meeting for Unitarian ministers from Monday, July 3, to Monday, July 10, at Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H.

The general subject of the programme is "Liberal Evangelism." The movement for evangelism now going forward among Unitarian churches has created a new need. It has called for a large number of our ministers to do this kind of work in their own and other churches. The coming year will see a growth of this significant movement.

The purpose of this ministers' meeting at Andover is to give an opportunity to Unitarian ministers to prepare themselves more fully for this work. The week offers a rare opportunity for comradeship — an experience that will remain a radiant memory in the minds of those who share it.

The rates for the ministers' meeting will be $7.50 for the week. Sleeping accommodations will be in the dormitories and meals will be served in the school dining-room. The church will be used for meetings. Address further inquiries to Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Meadville Institute for Social Service

Dept. of Social and Public Service

Plans are completed for the social service institute to be held at Meadville this summer, August 14 to September 15. An interesting and varied program has been

arranged which should appeal strongly to ministers and laymen who wish to do their part for the common good.

The general topic is "A social program and how to realize it:"—in the local Community, in the State, in the Nation and by International Organization. Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer will outline the general theme, and a staff of experienced and well-known lecturers will discuss the sub-topics covering the organization of social forces for social progress. A "laboratory course" will give instruction in and practical demonstration of tried and tested methods of service.

The expenses of the Institute are remarkably small. $5.00 for registration fee; $1.00 a week for care of room and $5.00 a week for board at Hunnewell Hall. The total expense for the five weeks will not exceed $35. To this, of course, must be added the cost of transportation to and from Meadville. A limited number of scholarships are available for those who otherwise might find it difficult or impossible to attend the Institute.

An unusual opportunity is offered to ministers, parish workers and laymen and women who wish for a training in the theory and practice of social service, which will enable them to deal intelligently with the many problems demanding attention. Nowhere else that we know of can one get so much for so little. Meadville is an attractive place in which to spend a vacation and the combination of work and play can not fail to be interesting and stimulating. Send immediately to Elmer S. Forbes, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, for a program.

The New Hymn and Tune Book.

Publication Department

Since the last issue of *Word and Work* the churches in Marietta, Ohio, and Framingham, Mass., have adopted The New Hymn and Tune Book as well as the Universalist Societies of Washington, Vermont, Kent, Ohio, and Rochester, Minn., which have purchased the Beacon Press edition. The society in Taunton, Mass., has voted to adopt the book to be installed in September. The Department earnestly suggests that any societies which are planning to do likewise, communicate with us as early as possible that their orders may be prepared for delivery on the desired date. This entails no obligation to pay for the books until they are delivered but early arrangements may save some delay. All Unitarians will note with satisfaction that, as the result of several months negotiations, arrangements have been made by the Beacon Press so that now the New Hymn and Tune Book is sold by the Universalist Publishing House. The Universalists propose to advertise this among their people and solicit orders from their societies. It should be gratifying, indeed, to see this tangible evidence of cooperation between our two bodies and the use of a common hymn book will do much to increase the feeling of fellowship which should be encouraged in every possible way. Unitarian ministers who are using the book in their churches are requested to commend it to their Universalist friends and neighbors.

Word and Work.

This is the time for all persons intending to push *Word and Work* in their societies to canvass for subscriptions for next year. Special letters with subscription forms have been sent to ministers and we trust that next year will see a further growth of interest in this most helpful form of extension work.

The New Tract Catalog

The new tract catalog has been completed and distributed to ministers and tract correspondents. The Department believes that all persons who make use of the catalog will find this latest revised edition more complete and helpful than in the past. The greatest care has been taken in all details to make this edition a thorough working catalog and we will welcome any suggestions for still further improving it or corrections in the matter for future editions. It will be noted that the Memorable Sermons and the various bulletins are now included in the indexes, which was not formerly the case.

The Weekly Envelopes

Announcement was made in the May number of *Word and Work* that the Association stands ready to furnish free of charge to any Unitarian society a complete outfit of *Bi-Pocket Weekly Envelopes*, Treasurer's Record Book, etc. Already several churches have entered their orders for this material and requests have been received from many more. A complete set of the envelopes has been mailed to every Unitarian society together with printed matter on the subject. Additional sets and copies of the printed matter are available. The wide variety of experience with this system in other denominations has furnished abundant evidence that it will work in every conceivable kind of church. Therefore, we believe that there is no Unitarian society which can afford to overlook this method of stimulating church support. The free offer is open under certain conditions during the year of 1916-1917 and we hope that all societies will give serious consideration to the matter and communicate with the Association regarding additional details at once.

Important Notice to Unitarians of The Middle West

The Publication Department desires to inform the Unitarians in the Middle West that the Western Unitarian Headquarters located at 105 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, is prepared to fill orders for Sunday School material and other Unitarian publications. New arrangements have been made between the Western Conference, (which is responsible for the Chicago Headquarters), and the Association whereby the former subsidy is now to be replaced by a commission on sales. The Western Headquarters will hereafter be dependent upon this commission for financial resources with which to maintain their headquarters and it is hoped that persons within reach of Chicago will divert their orders there, thus enabling the Western Conference to finance the office. The Association heartily commends this practice and hopes that the confidence of the Western Unitarians in assuming the entire burden of this enterprise will be amply justified.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

American University Progress, by James H. Baker; $1.06 by mail.

The Churches at Work, by Charles L. White; 68 cents by mail.

Church Finance, by Frederick A. Agar; 54 cents by mail.

The Church Vacation School, by Harriet Chapell; 55 cents by mail.

The Gift of Mind and Spirit, by John Kulamer; $1.43 by mail.

The Gospel of Good Will, by William De Witt Hyde; $1.58 by mail.

Missioners' Handbook, by Paul B. Bull; $1.48 by mail.

Modern Church Program, by Albert F. McGarrah; 55 cents by mail.

New Wars for Old, by John Haynes Holmes; $1.64 by mail.

Phases of Early Christianity, by J. Estlin Carpenter; $2.10 by mail.

The Presidency, by W. H. Taft; $1.60 by mail.

Some Spiritual Lessons of the War, by H. P. Dennison; 55 cents by mail.

Studies in Revivals, by C. C. B. Bardsley; 44 cents by mail.

Visions, by H. H. Montgomery; 54 cents by mail.

Wartime Sermons, by E. Hensley Henson, D. D., $1.58 by mail.

The Witness of the Church, by Samuel Hart; $1.04 by mail.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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The Completion of the Endowment Fund

The Anniversaries of 1916 came to the workers of The Alliance with a thrill of surprise. We had labored so busily throughout the winter, sometimes with such a sense of our difficulties that the spiritual sunshine of May week came before we were aware. The raising of the Endowment Fund and especially its completion were examples of the triumphs of faith. That more than the asked for, twenty-five thousand dollars, could be raised by The Alliance in less than a year was almost more than one could believe a year ago, and in this year of world struggle we began almost faint heartedly. But the committee led by Miss Bancroft worked on, every Alliance woman helped, the money came and is now available for broader missionary work than we have ever yet had the means to accomplish. Still the Endowment Committee yearns for a contribution no matter how small or a pledge from every branch that all may feel the inspiration that comes from helping. We have sung together a hymn of rejoicing and we go forward toward the work waiting for our hand.

The Monday afternoon Alliance meeting in Tremont Temple was an adventure. Could Alliance women make themselves heard in the auditorium and would the people congregate in numbers sufficient for a successful meeting? When at the hour of opening, with all space but the second balcony filled, two thousand men and women took part in The Alliance service, the meeting was already a success in numbers and enthusiasm. Miss Bancroft presided and she could easily be heard even in remote corners. Dr. Merle St. Croix Wright of New York City made the opening address on The Liberal Note in Modern Poetry, wonderfully interpreting a new world of thought. Mrs. Robert H. Davis, speaking on "A Liberal Faith for All People" told the audience the story of the ideal of democracy for liberal churches. Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, of Boston, described the great need for ministers in the Unitarian denomination in a thoughtful address provocative of challenging discussion.

Miss Bancroft entertained the officers and directors of The Alliance and the women members of the American Unitarian Association Board at a charming dinner at Hotel Somerset, before the Anniversary Week reception of Monday evening. There were no speeches but a roll call and general introduction showed forty-five women present from many sections of the country.

Summary of the Endowment Fund, May 31, 1916.

Branches	$18,595.09
Associate Alliances	725.76
Junior Alliances	116.50
Personal Contributions	6,161.05
Special Contributions	600.62
Interest	126.15
On deposit May 31	$26,325.17

Anna M. Bancroft,
Chairman and Treasurer.

The annual business meeting of The Alliance crowded the South Congregational Church with delegates and other members. After the opening service Miss Bancroft introduced Rev.

Edward Cummings who extended a cordial welcome in the name of his church.

The annual reports of the president, recording and corresponding secretaries, and treasurer, with that of the auditing committee, were presented. Then followed the report of the Endowment Fund committee with its welcome statement that the amount of contributions and pledges was $26,771.10. The following resolution moved by Mrs. Voigt of the Middle States, seconded by Mrs. Loud of Canada, and read by Miss Low, was unanimously adopted by rising vote:

Whereas in the raising of the Endowment Fund during the past year The Alliance has accomplished a practical work of great value to the Unitarian cause and

Whereas the value of this practical work is only surpassed by the spiritual qualities of cooperation and self-sacrifice which united effort brings forth —

Be it resolved that this meeting place on record its loving gratitude to the president, Miss Anna M. Bancroft, whose consecrated and untiring devotion has made the raising of the Fund possible.

Miss Bancroft said, "The Fund has been raised because you all worked. It would have been impossible in any other way. I thank you."

Then followed in place of committee reports helpful words of greeting that made the meeting so rich in inspiration that many delegates were heard to say, How can I do this justice in my report to the branch? No printed report can give any idea of the wonderful spirit of that session.

Mrs. Charles G. Ames brought her congratulations. Her presence was a benediction. She showed how important an element the social spirit was in the inception and growth of The Alliance and urged that our organization be but the tool for the expression of human life, that we become more truly democratic, that we realize our opportunity.

Mrs. Theodore C. Williams sent a telegram hoping a great appeal might be made to our women to more than ever give time and place this year to considering the religious uplift of the suffering, burdened world and to our own deeper religious life.

Miss Low, always warmly welcomed, spoke of her great pleasure at being present and put forward a plea for such a meeting in New York. She urged greater loyalty, the loyalty that means sacrifice. These meetings of themselves are not enough, we must keep up the enthusiasm through the year.

Mrs. Charles T. Catlin sent a message of congratulation bidding us press on to yet grander achievement.

Mrs. Bishoprick, president of the New York League, brought cordial greetings and seconded Miss Low's call for a meeting in New York. We must carry our message forward and want every other women to share the joy and happiness of being a Unitarian.

Mrs. Frank C. Doan spoke of Unitarianism in New Jersey, its progress, and the influence exerted by a program that represents intellectual interest to attract women to Alliance meetings and so to the church.

Mrs. David P. Hueston brought the greetings of her sixteen Illinois branches and expressed her happiness in being present at meetings where quality and quantity were both to be found. Comradeship is needed for enthusiasm.

Mrs. David Utter speaking for the Rocky Mountain section declared herself unused to the sight of so many Unitarians and wondered if our 21,000 women were before her! The West misses the inspiration of numbers. It needs ministers, who will stay, and hold the men and women of that section.

Miss C. Louise Smith brought greetings from the twenty-seven branches of the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. Bale of Winnipeg representing a district that covers 1,500 miles showed the difficulties to be overcome if Calgary and Edmonton should meet for afternoon tea. There has been no growth since August, 1914. There are only two young men left in the Winnipeg Church. The women are keeping "the home fires burning until the men come back."

Mrs. Louson of Montreal told a little of the marvelous work accomplished in Eastern Canada, vast sums of money raised in a few days, hospitals supported, soldiers' families cared for at home through the great patriotic fund administered by a committee with Miss Helen Reid of the Montreal Church at the head. And still the local church work is well cared for and the calls of the denomination answered.

Letters of greeting were voted to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Catlin, and Mrs. Pratt of Virginia who had hoped to be present.

Greetings were received from the Alliance of the Pacific Coast Conference recently assembled at San Diego, from the British League with congratulations to the elder sister society with good wishes for its future and an expression of gratitude for the inspiration and encouragement derived from this source; and from the Khasi Hills Unitarian Union, India. Return greetings were ordered in each case.

A vote of sympathetic greetings was passed to the International Union of Liberal Christian Women.

A letter from Miss Edith G. Pecker telling of her work in China during the time she has served as Alliance missionary was read, and a vote of affectionate greetings was passed to be sent Miss Pecker with all good wishes.

A recess was declared at 12.30 and at 2 o'clock a large number of delegates and friends assembled for the Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission conferences conducted by their chairmen.

The report of the Credential Committee showed that 353 delegates were present from 22 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada, and 38 life members. Eleven credentials were sent by mail.

Mrs. Peterson told of the work in the South, the out-growth of the Post Office Mission. Mrs. Keyes gave a brief account of the contributions of money and articles of clothing and supplies for war relief from Concord, Mass. The question, How shall we interest women in Alliance work? was put and answered. Have live officers. Adapt your methods to your people and find something to interest all. Make them work, give them something to do and they will take an interest.

Miss Bancroft after a few words of thanks and appreciation, and an appeal to all to feel it a privilege to work for The Alliance and to cooperate in making that work better, bigger, and more brilliant, declared the meeting adjourned.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

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290 Avenue Joffre,
Shanghai, China.,
March 30, 1916.

Dear Fellow-Members of The Alliance:

When this letter is read to you a year will have passed since I made my final appeal in behalf of the women of Asia. How splendidly you responded to it the record of this year shows. And what a busy year it has been!

First, I spent a week drinking in inspiration at the Meadville Theological School. God bless the institution. This was followed by a summer of glorious study with the other Meadville students at Chicago University Divinity School. It was a time of growth. Then, wishing I could take the Summer School with me, I hurried to San Francisco to get a glimpse of our friends there and a few more deep draughts of inspiration from the General Conference before leaving American shores. When I boarded the steamer it seemed to me it was more like a bride's coming than a missionary's, so full was my cabin of flowers, fruits and gifts, and so loving were the farewells of those who saw me off. It was a very different leave taking from my first.

At the time of writing I have been in Shanghai a little over six months. What have I done? I have progressed in my Chinese studies. I have become a member of the Ladies International Club, which I came out to help, of the American Woman's Club, of the Shanghai Missionary Association, and of the Shanghai Temperance Union. Of these I have attended every meeting except a temperance one the date of which interfered with my new class. I have

supervised weekly the teaching of English in the Dong Nghwa School for Helpless Girls, have started a little circulating library in it, have introduced plants into the classrooms, insisted on the introduction of Geography into the Chinese curriculum, agitated standardizing the school and raising its term from a four-year to a five or six-year course, and, what was dearest to my heart, I introduced a kind of Asiatic interpretation of Dr. Hale's Lend-a-Hand, and started a band of "Olive Blossoms". A disturbance arose among the staff, however, which made me question their fitness for their responsible position, so I have had to suspend my activities in that direction. While I was connected with the School its enrollment increased from forty to between seventy and eighty pupils.

At the monthly meetings of the Ladies International Club I have helped Mrs. Reid receive, have seen that no guests were overlooked in the serving of tea and cakes and have made a special effort to draw together in friendly conversation the European members and the Chinese. After tea I have seen all comfortably settled in the lecture hall, looked out for late comers, and after the lecture or program I have greeted any who had come to the meeting only.

In the true spirit of neighborliness I have made some sixty calls on Chinese homes, rich and poor, and have taken pains to greet almost every woman, stranger or friend, who came to the Sunday meetings of the Institute. I have also started a class during the past month for teaching Chinese women the English language.

Wishing to advertise our mission as much as possible both among ourselves and outsiders, and feeling, indeed, that it was important for me to keep close hand clasp with those at home who were serving God here through me, I have spent much time in letter writing. Of such mail sent out by me my book shows a record to date of 224 communications and 23 Institute and other printed pamphlets. In addition I have reported monthly in *Word and Work*. Through the generosity of the Reids, the Institute, the Jamaica Plain, Mass., Branch Alliance and several individual friends I am comfortably placed in my own little home in a corner of the Institute buildings, for all which kindness, in my own name and in the name of the work for whose good it was done, I am most grateful.

With a prayerful wish that next year's good shall far exceed this, that we shall all come still closer together under our Heavenly Father's love, that as heirs to a princely spiritual kingdom we shall not be disheartened but increase our endeavors to perfect the spiritual, physical and moral estate of the race, and with penitent consciousness of our own shortcomings, our discouragements, our limited visions, passionately appealing to the "Merciful and Most High God" for His compassion upon the great nations in their shortcomings to the extent of effecting peace upon earth once more, I submit myself and my endeavors to your solemn consideration.

Your Alliance missionary,
EDITH G. PECKER.

Executive Board

The meeting of May 19 had the largest attendance of the year, and was notable for the presence of vice-presidents from the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain sections and directors from Western Canada and Illinois. Miss Bancroft presided. Mrs. Davis was enthusiastic over her recent trip to Virginia and West Virginia and reported a new branch, Charleston, West Virginia; Mrs. Frank J. Daniels, president; and one at Newport News, Virginia, Miss Florence Page, acting president. The Virginia League was formed of the Virginia, Baltimore, and Washington branches, Mrs. John H. Lewis, Lynchburg, president. Virginia is now entitled to a director and Mrs. Frank W. Pratt of Richmond was elected to the office.

In Memoriam have been placed the names of Mrs. Jessie Bagg Cooper, Mrs. Ellen M. Hoffses, Mrs. Alvin R. Bailey, Mrs. Josiah G. Bridge, Mrs. O. T.

Howe, Miss Maria F. Ranney, Mrs. Columbia E. Walter, Mrs. R. J. Lamb, Mrs. Irene D. McM. Birks, Mrs. Abby Frances Gale, Mrs. Abby Allen Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Webb, Mrs. Louisa Maria Clark, Mrs. Jennie Cushing Underwood.

The Brookline First Parish branch has made its retiring treasurer, Miss Helen Jackson, a life member of The Alliance, and Winchester has done the same for its retiring president, Mrs. F. C. Alexander.

The report of the Endowment Fund committee was most gratifying in that the amount has been secured. But the wish of the committee is to have every one of our branches represented, even by a small gift, as a token of approval of the object for which the money is to be used, the strengthening of our work.

Mrs. Peterson was welcomed and her report of the Southern work was heard with satisfaction.

Mrs. Osgood presented the annual report of the Post Office Mission showing a definite gain in numbers and achievement. It was voted to add Mrs. C. W. Gerould to the central committee.

Annual reports of committees were received and will be printed in the Manual.

The following suggestions for the guidance of the nominating committee were adopted:

Before the 15th of November preceding each election the Nominating Committee shall, by printed notice, ask each branch for suggestions of names of possible candidates for officers and directors and shall receive and consider suggestions up to the 15th of January preceding the election. If a director is ineligible for re-election (By-laws Art. IV, Sec. 4), the fact shall be so noted on the request sent to her branches. The Nominating Committee shall be ready to announce its list of candidates, one name for each officer and director, one month before the annual meeting, and shall prepare an official printed ballot for use at the annual meeting.

Mrs. E. N. Willis of Dallas has been elected director for Texas.

Miss Leib of Louisville having resigned the Board accepted the resignation with regret and elected Mrs. Charles F. Smith of Louisville director for Kentucky.

On recommendation of the International Committee it was voted to issue an appeal to the branches for $600 for the continuance of our work in China, Miss Edith G. Pecker, missionary, for one year beginning May 1, 1916.

After luncheon at Bulfinch Place the Board listened to the Alliance Travelogue and saw with interest the sixty slides of churches and workers.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the Bulfinch Place branch for its hospitality.

Greetings from Western Canada were brought by Mrs. Bale of Winnipeg, from Illinois by Mrs. Hueston of Hinsdale, from the Rocky Mountain section by Mrs. Utter of Denver, and from the Pacific Coast by Miss Smith of San Francisco. Mrs. Southworth spoke her appreciation of Alliance efforts.

After a brief account of the Western Conference at St. Louis from our delegate, Mrs. Scott, the meeting adjourned.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

News from the Branches

The Associate Alliance of Northern California met at Alameda on April 28. A devotional service was led by Mrs. Dutton of San Francisco, assisted by Mrs. Speight and Mrs. Wilbur of Berkeley. Members were present from Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Cruz, and Alameda.

The Kenosha, Wisconsin Alliance has this season studied various aspects of War and Peace. They have considered the Possibilities of a permanent peace, The Woman's Peace Party, the Economic Side of War, The Effect of War on Eugenics, and they have reviewed some of the literature of the subject, including Tolstoi's War and Peace, Craig's War Brides, Henry James's War against War, and for Cheerfulness' sake, Mrs. Porter's Pollyanna.

The Roslindale, Mass., Unitarians have on the cover of their year book, this quotation:

I give you this far thought:
Not for yourself, or yours, or for your land, or for your race;
Not for today, not for tomorrow, not for time;
But for humanity, the children of men, the lands of men;
And for eternity.

Lincoln Colcord.

The Alliance of Grace Chapel, Green Harbor, Mass., will hold the annual fair August 9 and 10, afternoon and evening both days. No admission fee in the afternoon this year, but a small fee for the entertainment both evenings. All contributions may be sent to Mrs. L. M. Peterson, secretary, who will thankfully acknowledge them.

The annual fair of the Women's Alliance, of the First Parish, Sandwich, Mass., will be held August 10. There will be a Memory, or Remembrance Table. Contributions to be sent to Miss R. R. Newcomb will be gratefully received.

The President of the Seattle University Branch writes: "We wish to thank our sister Alliances for their generous responses to our appeal for aid to the University Unitarian church of this city; for their deep interest in us; for their prompt contributions. We also desire to acknowledge our gratitude to the National Alliance who so generously made possible the benefits we are receiving."

The Dedham, Mass., Branch makes the following tribute to its retiring president; "To take upon itself, for a year, the duty of conserving the loyalty of a hundred able women, to find material and speakers to deepen their interest, to give our local work a national outlook and to keep in touch for their sakes, with whatsoever is best in our religious movement is a substantial task. To add achievement to undertaking and then to multiply that by eleven years of devotion is the real accomplishment of our retiring president, Mrs. Harriet T. Boyd and our former secretary, Mrs. H. P. Cormerais, whose term of office was but one year less."

The Corresponding Secretary of the Long Beach, Cal., Branch writes of their new church home: The appeal of Long Beach, Cal., for aid in church furnishings has been paid in full and the recipients are happy and very grateful. The gifts came in amounts varying from twenty-five cents to ten dollars. They were from 92 Alliances, one-fourth the entire organization. Of these, 67 are in Massachusetts; 4 in Maine; 7 in New York; 3 in New Jersey; 2 in New Hampshire; 2 in Rhode Island, and one respectively in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, North Caroline, Ohio, Louisiana, California, and Canada. The experience has given us a feeling of true fellowship with The Alliance at large. We thank you all heartily. Our Chapel is most attractive. It is a rectangular room in pleasant tones of brown, seated with chairs. On each side there are six windows in two groups of three. Between the windows on the left is draped a large American flag, the gift of our local Woman's Relief Corps. Opposite is a picture of Hoffman's "Christ among the Doctors." The pulpit is in the center front, and on the right is the piano over which hangs a portrait of Edward Everett Hale. There are two adjoining rooms, one the pastor's study, the other a kitchen well equipped. Once a month we turn the Chapel into a dining-room and on four long tables serve a good meal. Always our church is profusely decorated with flowers. We wish our friends could visit us in the cozy home they helped us to get and which we are enjoying entirely free from debt.

Appeals stand as follows:

Seattle, Wash., University Church Furnishings	$145
Ellsworth, Me., parsonage	88
Hanford, Cal., church furnishings	82
Kingston, Jamaica, church building	30
Missionary in China	600

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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

The tenth and last regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1915-1916 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., on Wednesday afternoon, May 10, 1916, at 2.30 o'clock.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Schumacher presided and these were present: Mr. Allen, Mr. Ives, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Richards, Miss Simmons and the secretary.

The secretary's report for the last meeting was read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report was read and approved as read; and, the bills being presented, it was, on motion of Mr. Ives,

VOTED: that the bills be paid.

The secretary's monthly report was also approved as read.

The chairman of the Union-at-Large, Miss Simmons, reported 84 copies of the April *Word and Work* sent to the members, with as many tracts.

The report of the committee on the Annual Meeting was received and accepted.

The secretary read a letter from Rev. H. Kissor Singh, the secretary of the Khasi Hills Unitarian Union in Shillong, India, expressing the greetings of the 29th Annual Conference and enclosing the following Resolution:

RESOLVED: that this Conference send their greetings and sense of gratitude to the Young People's Religious Union.

Three photographs were also exhibited, the gifts of Mr. Singh; and, on motion of Mr. Ives, it was accordingly

VOTED: that we send to Mr. Singh our most sincere thanks for his kindness in sending to us photographs and letters; that we also extend deep sympathy for his sorrow; and that we further congratulate him on the wonderful work he has been able to do, wishing him Godspeed.

Miss Richards, for the Extension Committee, reported progress, reading several letters of interest.

As there was no further business,

VOTED: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Twentieth Annual Meeting

The twentieth Annual Meeting of the Young People's Religious Union was held in the SouthCongregational Church, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, May 25, 1916.

The business session at two o'clock was presided over by President Bates when the usual reports were rendered; ninety-five accredited delegates from four different states were in attendance as well as many others interested in the work of our Unitarian young people.

An amendment, presented last year at the Annual Meeting, with reference to changing the name, was defeated at this time.

The Policy Committee outlined a platform for the coming year as follows, all of these being unanimously adopted except the second:

1. *Immediately* combining the present office work with field work.

2. Changing the name of our organization to that of "The League of Unitarian Young People."

3. Completing, with enthusiasm, the $30,000 Endowment Fund, as soon as possible, so that its great benefits can be felt at once.

4. Hearty co-operation with the other branches of our denominational life and especially working with the A. U. A., which has already endorsed our Endowment Movement so that it shall be secured as soon as possible.

The slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, was elected.

At the close of the business, the newly elected president spoke briefly, predicting a year of great promise. A brief reception followed, after which supper was served by the Boston and South Middlesex Federations.

During the evening meeting at half past seven o'clock, seven past presidents sat on the platform, taking some part in the services for the evening. Retiring President Bates presided; and there was prayer by Rev. Roger S. Forbes, Scripture reading by Rev. Harold G. Arnold, addresses by the first president, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, by Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson and by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, and a benediction by Rev. Edgar S. Wiers. Mr. Joshua Phippen presided at the organ; there was music by a choir of young people from the Boston and South Middlesex Federations; and Miss Georgie May Morris rendered a vocal selection.

Mr. Van Ness reviewed the history of the organization and the reason for its being, explaining the meaning of our three great watchwords,— Truth, Worship and Service. Mr. Saunderson complimented the organization on its splendid idealism sustained throughout the twenty years of its existence; while Mr. Holmes sounded a note of warning against falling a prey to the perils of old age. In closing he referred to the spirit of youth, never absent from the souls of two of our great leaders, Dr. Hale and Dr. Collyer.

Boston Federation

The Boston Federation of Young People's Religious Unions held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 30, 1916, at the First Church, Boston, Mass.

The usual business, with reports from the standing committees, was carried on. The Friendly Service Committee gave a long report, showing very successful work accomplished during the past year.

The Social Committee has carried on successfully the Indoor Picnic which was held at the Third Religious in Dorchester. The Outdoor Picnic, which will occur on June 10, will be at Houghton's Pond, Ponkapoag, and plans are already under way. The committee has been ready to supply instrumental music at any time for religious meetings of the unions, having been called upon several times. This was of great advantage to the unions availing themselves of the privilege.

The Ways and Means Committee was instrumental in raising the dues of the federation to three dollars. It is hoped that this will do away with the necessity of continual appeals to the unions. The committee had charge of a Vaudeville Entertainment in April held at the First

Parish Church, Dorchester. This was very successful, being supported heartily by the various unions.

The Nominating Committee gave its report and the following officers were elected for next year:

President, Mr. Walker B. Holmes of the National Hall Society, Dorchester, Mass.

Vice-President, Mr. Frederick B. West of the Nathaniel Hall Society, Dorchester, Mass.

Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moseley of the Brighton Young People's Association.

Treasurer, Mr. Frederick M. Atwood of the Quincy Y. P. R. U.

Social Committee Chairman, Mr. Malcolm Merrick of the Disciples' Guild, Boston.

Friendly Service Committee Chairman, Miss Mary L. Chenoweth of the Nathaniel Hall Society, Dorchester.

Membership Committee Chairman, Mr. Holden P. Williams of the De Normandie Guild, Roxbury.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Miss Minnie Packard of the Quincy Y. P. R. U.

The president then extended a hearty welcome to the new members of the federation.

Miss Esther K. Davis spoke on the $30,000 Fund and it was voted that the secretary send a letter to every union, urging the giving of an entertainment to raise money for this fund.

It was voted that the sum of fifty dollars be donated to the Hospitality Committee for the Annual Meeting expenses.

After the business session was adjourned, the First Church Club served supper in the parish house.

The speaker of the evening meeting was Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D., the president of the American Unitarian Association; and music was furnished by Miss Edith Roubound on the violin.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN G. PEPPER,
Secretary.

South Middlesex Federation

The annual meeting and picnic of the South Middlesex Federation was held on Saturday, May 6, 1916, at Waverley Oaks, Mass.

At six o'clock the president called the delegates together for the business meeting. After the reports of the secretary and treasurer had been accepted, the president spoke at length on the coming annual meeting of the Y. P. R. U. and the business to be brought up there.

The Nominating Committee brought in a list of four officers and eighteen directors to be elected. A single ballot cast by the secretary resulted in the election of Mr. Carl B. Wetherell as president, Miss Mildred F. Knight as secretary, Mr. Alden V. Keene as vice-president and Mr. A. Heath Onthank as treasurer.

After a prolonged discussion it was decided to hold three Sunday and two social meetings each year. Winchester, Watertown and Newton offered to entertain the federation. Delegates from ten organizations answered the roll call.

After eating in the Oaks, all adjourned to Lawrence Hall for dancing.

ALDEN V. KEENE.

Date To Be Remembered

Young People's Day this year at the Shoals Summer Meetings is to be Friday, July 21, when addresses are to be made in the forenoon by Hon. Sanford Bates, former president of the Young People's Religious Union, by Mr. Chester R. Allen, the former president of the Boston Federation, and by Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, the president of the South Middlesex Federation.

In the evening at eight o'clock, there will be a lecture-recital by Mrs. Fred W. Bushby of Peabody, Mass., the subject being "An Hour with Chopin."

It is hoped that a goodly representation from our young peoples' societies will be in attendance.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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Secretary's Annual Report

The year that is closing has been one of the most fruitful of all the thirty since the U. T. S. was organized. Greatly encouraged by the unusually large and enthusiastic support at its last annual meeting the directors of your Society have reached out for every opportunity to enlarge its usefulness. Committed to champion the cause of National Exhibition, ways and means to that end have been devised which have attracted wide notice.

Informed by the Russell Sage Foundation that we had "the sanest and most accurate of literature, but lacked in adequate methods of distribution," your society has sought to remedy this defect by an effort at greater publicity. The result has been encouraging. About 30,000 tracts, many of them new have been sent out upon request from 37 states in the union and from Canada. Requests have also come from places as remote as China and Australia.

The Lantern Slides which are our original contribution to anti-alcohol propoganda have been extensively used this year as last. These together with the Motor Car as one means of displaying them, has called forth much favorable comment from all over the country.

In November a letter was addressed to each Y. P. R. U. commending the action of its central body in endorsing National Prohibition and asking each Union if they would let us suggest ways in which they might arouse their community. Literature and posters have also been offered to each of our churches through our ministers. Communications during the past year were sent to all Massachusetts Congressmen acquainting them with the recent stand which our representative society had taken in regard to National Prohibition, and offering to send them the new literature setting for the the scientific argument upon which our action was based.

Believing that our youth in the public schools should be carefully and fully instructed upon this great issue, a committee has been appointed from your directorship to prepare a suitable lecture to be accompanied with slides for use whenever such would be welcomed.

In January at the call of your society a large representation of allied temperance workers met to consider the advisability of asking the Rockefeller Foundation to institute an investigation of the effects of prohibition, and to lead a movement for adequate anti-alcohol education throughout the country. The plan was unanimously endorsed and in reply the foundation gave assurance that the matter would be taken up at its meeting in May.

The most notable, as well as the last adventure which your organization proposes, is to submit to you at this annual meeting, the need of a Field Worker. Your directors still covet a place of leadership in this great work which as never before is planning the attention of thoughtful men and women everywhere. In the A. U. A. department report just issued we read that "Work for the common welfare is the discharging of the duty which attaches to privilege, and is the visible expression of religion. The acid test of religious sincerity." The endowments so easily raised by our fellow workers suggest one possible way which would lead to the end we so much desire. To this plan your directors commend your serious attention.

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